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1. During March and April 1952, the Glückauf Power Plant of BKV Welzow was shut down for four weeks, causing 137 workers to be laid off for that period. The shut-down was caused by the lack of spare parts for a condensor turbine. The spare parts have reportedly been manufactured for Glückauf by AEG, Berlin, and are ready for delivery.
 2. As of mid-April 1952, 83 of the 256 employees of the DDR State Secretariat for Coal and Power had been given notification of their release to become effective in two weeks time.
 3. A reorganization of the DDR coal and power administrations is planned whereby the following changes will be made:
 - a. Lauchhammer and Senftenberg are to be combined into BKV Senftenberg.
 - b. Bitterfeld, Magdeburg and Merseburg, formerly separate Braunkohlenverwaltungen, are to be merged into BKV Merseburg.
 - c. Borna and Meuselwitz are to become BKV Borna.
 - d. Steinkohlenverwaltung Zwickau and BKV Welzow are to remain separate administrative entities.
- These administrative changes were reportedly made in accordance with a campaign to effect economies in personnel and material.

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